

## UTILITY APPLICATION

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Title: **TOOL FOR BONE FIXATION DEVICE**  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

(X) Specification in 34 pages.

(X) Drawings in 17 sheets.

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## CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

| Application                    | Relationship            | Parent App. No./<br>Patent No. | Filing/Issue<br>Date | Status  |
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| This Application<br>10/440,016 | Continuation-in-part    | 10/440,016                     | 05/16/03             | Pending |
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| This Application               | Claims priority benefit | 60/451,320                     | 02/28/03             |         |
| This Application               | Claims priority benefit | 60/464,399                     | 04/21/03             |         |

(X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior applications is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

## OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

**FILING FEES:**

The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. The fees are calculated below:

| FEE CALCULATION    |             |              |                      |              |
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| FEE TYPE           |             | FEE CODE     | CALCULATION          | TOTAL        |
| Basic Utility      |             | 2001 (\$385) |                      | \$385        |
| Excess Claims > 20 | 26 - 20 = 6 | 2202 (\$9)   | 6 x 9 =              | \$ 54        |
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